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In re Patent Application of:
Michael Haubs et al.

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For: PROCESS AND APPARATUS FOR THE
COMBINATORIAL PREPARATION OF
MIXTURES, AND USE OF THESE

Examiner: J. S. Lundgren

RESPONSE

MS Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

The present application has been carefully studied in view of the outstanding Office Action dated April 10, 2006, and reconsideration of that Action is requested in view of the following comments.

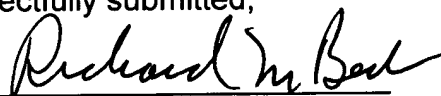
Applicant respectfully traverses the restriction requirement between claims 1-10, 21 and 22 drawn to a process for continuous preparation of a mixture from at least two components, claims 11-13 drawn to an apparatus for the continuous preparation of a mixture from at least two components, claims 18-20 drawn to a molding and claim 17 drawn to a method. Similar issues must be addressed in determining patentability of the claims in each group. Moreover, the fields of search although in several different classes would appear to be similar and overlapping in many respects. It is believed that a single prosecution history should be generated in this matter. Discretion is allowed in

matters of restriction, and it is requested that such discretion be exercised by withdrawing the restriction requirement. However, as required, applicant provisionally elects the subject matter of Group I, and find claims 1-10, 21 and 22 readable thereon.

Action on the merits is now believed to be appropriate.

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Respectfully submitted,

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